**A Decade of the Rosary for the loss of a pupil/member of staff**

**What you will need:**

Sacred space: altar table, white altar cloth, candles (matches), perhaps an image of Our Lady as a focal point, crucifix and rosary beads (or ten fingers)

Quiet music (optional)

Microphone (if required for large group)

**Opening prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit Amen.**

**Leader:** Lord God, we gather here today to pray for (...name...), whom you have summoned out of this world. Accept (...Name...) into your safekeeping and raise him/her up with all the saints to inherit your eternal kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen**

**For the Pope’s intentions**

Our Father,

Hail Mary

Glory be to the Father

**i**. **The 1st Glorious Mystery, The Resurrection.**
For (Name) that s/he may know the lasting peace of your Eternal Kingdom.

**ii.** **The 2nd Glorious Mystery, The Ascension.**
This decade is offered for ...(Name)’s family, especially her parents (and
brothers / sisters), are consoled and encouraged during this time of grief by their faith in God's love and mercy.

**iii.** **The 3rd Glorious Mystery, the Descent of the Holy Spirit.**

For those who cared for (N) may they be blessed for their efforts and their service to others.

**iv. The 4th Glorious Mystery, the Assumption.**
For all who have died that they may rest in the peace and glory of Jesus who is our life and resurrection.

**v**. **The 5th Glorious Mystery, the Coronation.**
This decade is offered for our school community, especially (Name’s) closest friends and teachers that our grief might be overcome with gratitude for the gift he/she has been to us.

**Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.**

**Leader:** Mary our mother,

who knew the sadness of mourning those you loved most,

Jesus, your Son,

and Joseph, your devoted spouse,

pray for us in our time of loss.

**R. Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn:**

As I kneel before you,

As I bow my head in prayer,

Take this day, make it yours

and fill me with your love.

**Refrain:**

Ave Maria, Gratia plena,

Dominus tecum,

Benedicta tu.

All I have I give you,

Every dream and wish are yours,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

**(Repeat Refrain)**

As I kneel before you,

And I see your smiling face,

Ev’ry thought, ev’ry word

Is lost in your embrace.

**(Repeat Refrain)**